

FLASHES FROM THE WORLD

FRANCE CONTINUES HER POLICY OF PREPARING FOR CONFLICT

Whole Country Behind Government, which Is Determined to Give Effective Reply to Whatever Move Germany May Make—Strengthening Forts.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, March 22.—In spite of the feeble efforts of the Socialist leaders to stem the tide there cannot be the slightest doubt that the whole country is behind the government, which is determined to give an effective reply to whatever move Germany may make to strengthen her land forces.

Even in the dirigibles Germany will not be permitted to remain ahead of France. For in addition to the seven large airships of 20,000 cubic metres each, which were ordered some weeks ago, the war department is contemplating placing an order with a French firm, probably Clement Bayard, for ten even larger dirigibles with a carrying capacity of thirty tons each and a speed of about sixty miles an hour and able to remain aloft at full speed for two days without replenishing their supply of petrol.

Strengthening Forts.

Thousands of men are already working strengthening all forts along the German frontier, and the men in charge of this work are all officers who have followed the artillery corps of the Balkan war at close range. All fortifications are also to be provisioned and supplied with enough shells and ammunition to stand a siege of a year if necessary.

The people of France are not only prompted by their patriotism, a feeling which is to be seen among the Socialists, but also by the knowledge that the day is not far off when Germany will have to give up the struggle for supremacy because she will either have to do that or go bankrupt, and in the meantime France is rich enough to spend two millions to every one spent by Germany.

Of course the Kaiser and his advisers are fully as well aware of this fact as the people in France, and what makes the present moment an especially critical one is that Germany may risk everything on one card, and attack this country with all her strength before the inevitable moment comes when she will have to cut down her military expenses from lack of money. A war indemnity from conquered France, this time not a policy five millions, but of twenty-five million, or perhaps even fifty millions of dollars, would be a God-send to Germany now and would enable her to control the destinies of Europe.

French Apprehensions.

In spite of all the Kaiser's beautiful words about his love of peace, the people of France distrust him, and their apprehensions are strengthened by the unusual activity of German spies in the neighborhood of the fortresses of Verdun and Nancy. All the news which is received here from reliable sources in the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine also confirms that things are much blacker than what is permitted to know.

The whole French people heartily disapprove the words pronounced in a speech the other day by M. Millerand, the former Socialist minister of war. "It is a question of life and death," he said, "our military power is the first elementary condition of our action in the world. What would our diplomacy be worth if it were not supported by an army and navy capable of meeting any emergency?"

What lends increased weight to M. Millerand's words is the fact that even his bitterest opponents cannot honestly accuse him of being a militarist or a Jung.

Everybody knows that he is as sincere in his belief in Socialism as ever, but he is first of all a Frenchman and a patriot, and the apprehensions in his attitude is merely caused by the fact

BIG SOCIAL SUCCESS.



MRS. POST WHEELER, New Italian Female River.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, March 22.—Mrs. Post Wheeler, whose husband is the post secretary of the American Embassy, has mounted high in social favor since the Wheelers came to Rome. Recently the Italian feminine society, the society gave a look at their apartment in the Grand Palace. Among the guests were the French Ambassador, Countess de la Roche, and Mrs. Post Wheeler.

The name of the wheelers is one of the literary centers of Rome, but their entertainments are always delightfully informal.

Kindness to Dog

CHANGES WHOLE LIFE

Young Englishman's Act Pleases Owner and She Sends Him to Canada.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, March 22.—Because he had compassion on a poor dog that had been run over by a motor bus and carried it home to his owner—a lady living in the West End of London—an unfortunate young man's life is entirely changed.

Frank Wilson, now on his way to Canada on the steamship Acadia, was standing miserably on the pavement in Edgware Road wondering how he could earn a few coppers for a meal when the accident happened.

The dog owner was very fond of her pet, and in gratitude interested herself in Wilson. She suggested he should emigrate, and when he shrugged his shoulders and asked, "How?" she offered to pay the fare abroad and send him to the "Church Army for the matter to be arranged."

The Church Army had an opening on a farm waiting for him on his arrival in Canada. Wilson, who is described as a bright young man who has tried hard to get work in England, but failed.

CALLS JUDGE A COW;

SENTENCED IS DOUBLED

Humorous Story Comes Out of Paris. Vagabond Is the Victim of Judge's Wrath.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, March 22.—The most deadly insult one can offer to a French policeman is to say to him, "Death to the cows!" A few days ago in the French Appeal Court M. de Savignion Laroche, the judge, explained to a policeman that a cow was "a noble and beautiful animal," and therefore its name could not be considered a term of opprobrium. Later a vagabond who came up on appeal before M. de Savignion Laroche had his original term of imprisonment doubled.

On hearing the sentence the prisoner called the judge an "old cow."

Immediately the judge, forgetting his philosophic defense of a few days before, ordered the vagabond a term of imprisonment to be further increased by five years for insulting him.

CONVICT EATS NEEDLES

TO GET IN HOSPITAL

German Tries Various Ways to Escape and Finally Resorts to Rose that May Cause Death.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, March 22.—A prisoner in the Ploetzsch Prison, named George Schick, has made various attempts to force the prison authorities to discharge him, or at any rate remove him to the hospital ward. He at first simulated insanity, and when this failed to deceive the authorities he started a hunger strike. He is a powerfully-built man, however, with a great appetite, and the pangs of hunger finally conquered his resolution.

He then adopted a new scheme. While making bags in prison he carefully concealed as many needles as he could, and while at work with his fellow prisoners, he swallowed the lot. He was hurried to the hospital, where he became unconscious. Afterwards he was removed to a Berlin hospital, where he is to be operated upon. The man lies in a critical condition.

Deer Loosed Ahead of Time.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, March 22.—When a cart containing two deer arrived at Leadon Road, the place of meet of the Essex Farmers' Stag-hounds, recently, the horse took fright, at the hounds and bolted.

The driver was knocked down and a wheel passed over him, while the cart collided with a motor car and overturned. The deer, however, were unhurt, and one was set free and hunted.

CLEVER WOMEN FIND NEW FIELD TO WORK

Feminine Adviser on All Things Feminine Proves Big Help to Male Novelists.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, March 22.—The increasing attention given by authors and playwrights to women, their habits, dress and occupations, has led to the birth of a new profession—that of feminine adviser on all things feminine.

Her business is to prevent the author from falling into the numerous pitfalls that await him when he describes the dress and culture of his heroine.

A bright Parisienne, one of the pioneers of the new profession, says that many literary men live in the provinces or live retired lives, which give them no opportunity of seeing feminine fashions. That is why their descriptions of women's dress are so often ridiculous.

Novels are read mostly by women, and nothing jars more on a woman than an inaccurate dress description; it spoils the most cleverly written story.

A novelist, for instance, finds it very difficult to give an exact description of the tea gown worn by the heroine in the love scene, or the tailor-made costume worn in the Bois de Boulogne.

What the modern novelist needs to learn is the correct use of a few technical terms. He should know that the cashmere shawl of his grandmother's time is now used to line mantles, that evening gowns are called kimonoes and are made of crepe de chine, that hats are made of tulle and English straw, and finally that mustard-colored ribbons are all the rage.

The feminine expert never always remains anonymous, but of course, she claims a share in the royalties earned by the work, which her advice has helped to mold.

CLAIM TO HAVE FOUND EXISTENCE AFTER DEATH

German Scientific-Spiritualists Say Man-Force Returns in Gaseous Form.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, March 22.—Man exists after death in the form of gas endowed with intelligence. This is alleged to be the discovery of two Dutchmen described as scientific spiritualists.

The two Dutchmen are Messrs. Matla and Zaalberg van Zest.

Acting on these instructions, the Dutchmen constructed an apparatus by which they might measure the spirit of a man who they have christened the "man force."

The experiments are stated to have shown that the "man force" is not what can properly be termed "soul" as it was amenable and responded to physical tests. On the other hand, it is not a body, as it is invisible. It is, therefore, defined as a gaseous composition.

In 1904 the Dutchmen were told by the spirits to make two airtight cylinders, and to cover the outer and inner sides of these cylinders with sheets of tin. The spirits stated that they would be able to penetrate the cylinder and would be kept there by the tin.

Attached to the cylinder was a highly sensitive recorder and it is from records made that the scientific spiritualists state they have found that—

The being had intelligence, since it took part in the experiments. The being was gaseous as it obeyed the laws which govern gases. The density of the body was equal to that of air.

One of the Dutchmen, setting under inspiration, has made a clay model of a man in his second nature, but the Matla, which reproduces the work, thinks that this in itself is sufficient to discourage any desire for immortality. The "man force" is not, however, immortal. Being subject to the laws of nature it has an existence of 100 years, and then also dies.

Taken Secret to Grave.

Dublin, March 22.—Philip McGovern, who is said to possess a family secret for the cure of hydrophobia, has died in County Cavan. He cured so many cases that patients were sent to him from all parts of Ireland.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT POINCARÉ

TELLS OF EFFORTS TO SAVE CAPT. CAMERON

Companion of Sir Charles Cameron's Son Describes Drowning of His Companion.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Dublin, March 22.—Describing at the inquest recently his efforts to save Capt. Cameron (son of Sir Charles Cameron, the Dublin city analyst, who was drowned at Waterstown Lake, Athlone, through the capsizing of a boat from which they were fishing, William Meares, a gamekeeper, stated that a large fish which had been got into the boat jumped, and in making a grab at it, Capt. Cameron stumbled and upset the boat.

The witness swam to him and assisted him to the boat. It rolled over again, and Capt. Cameron, missing his hold, went down. He came to the surface again and shook hands with the witness, saying:

"Good-by, Meares. It is all up with us. Then he sank and was not seen again. Harris Temple, with whom Capt. Cameron was staying, mentioned that the rescue of Meares by the steward, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Elliott, of Tinagh, was a gallant piece of work, as the boat in which they put out was waterlogged and they had to row through weeds at the risk of their lives.

FRENCH NAVAL LIEUTENANT FINED AND SENT TO PRISON FOR CONDUCTING OPIUM DEN

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, March 22.—A French naval lieutenant at Brest has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined \$200 for conducting an opium-smoking den for use by officers and women.

A man named Lardener was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined \$200 for the same offense. He was also sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined \$200 and \$100 respectively.

Mother of 22 Drowns.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, March 22.—The body of a woman named Hannah Johnson, of Cowper Quay, who was the mother of twenty-two children, seventeen of whom are still alive, was recovered recently from the river at Blyth. Her youngest child is four months old.

Her husband left home to take up employment at Barrow-in-Furness, and early the next day the crying of a child in bed led to the discovery that Mrs. Johnson was missing. She was forty-six years of age.

A TRUE HELPMATE.



LADY GERARD LOWTHER.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, March 22.—Another beautiful American woman, Lady Gerard Lowther, who was Miss Alice Stanton Blight, of Philadelphia, will be her English husband's companion and helpmate in an important diplomatic mission, if all expectations are realized.

It is believed that the next British Ambassador to Berlin will be Sir Gerard A. Lowther, who has been ambassador at Constantinople for four years. He was formerly secretary of the embassy at Washington, and in 1905 he married the lovely Philadelphia. If he is assigned to the Berlin post, Lady Lowther will accompany him.

The Turks have come to speak of Lady Lowther reverently as "The Florence Nightingale of the Balkan war."

PRINCESS LUISE NAMES THREE BRIDESMAIDS

Kaiser's Only Daughter Selects Trio of Prettiest Girls of Royal Blood in Europe.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, March 22.—That notable bride-elect, the Kaiser's only daughter, Princess Luise, has selected three of her bridesmaids for her coming wedding to Prince Ernst, of Cumberland. They are Princess Mary of England, Princess Elizabeth of Romania, and Grand Duchess Olga, the eldest daughter of the Czar.

In the selection of her bridesmaids Princess Luise has been obliged to take them from the limited circle of her girl friends of equal rank. The three princesses who will accompany her to the altar on the borders of Hohenzollern and Guelph are united next May are three of the prettiest princesses in Europe, and the announcement of their selection has met with the grateful consent of the courts of England, Russia and Germany.

The three princesses are of distinctly different types of prettiness. Princess Mary is fair-haired, light, with the ruddy complexion of English girls. The Grand Duchess Olga is a pronounced brunette, with combed hair and eyes, while Princess Elizabeth is of the brilliantly clear Caucasian type, and is almost as beautiful as her mother. If the fourth bridesmaid added it will most probably be Princess Yolanda, the daughter of the King and Queen of Italy, considered the reigning beauty of Southern Europe.

Should this prove correct, the imperial wedding in May will see a gathering of princesses that will make the ceremony as famous for the beauty as for the rank of the participants.

EASTER SEASON IN ROME PROMISES TO BE BRILLIANT

Hotels Jammed and Social Functions Planned Fill Every Day of Week—Americans Play Big Part in Coming Festivities.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, March 22.—Unless some unforeseen calamity occurs the coming Easter season will be the most brilliant Rome has seen for many a long year. The hotels are jammed and the social functions that are planned are positively innumerable.

Prominent among these stands the Roman Hunt ball at the Grand Hotel on Thursday; a grand dinner to be followed by a dance by the Marchesa Rudini on Friday; Charming Flower ball, organized by the Princess Colonna, who was Miss Eva Mackay, to be given at the Grand Hotel in aid of the Vittoria Institute on Saturday. On the same day the Princess Teano, a hostess of great popularity and repute both in London and Rome society will give a reception.

A particularly smart dinner party was given by the Princess Bichette Radziwill, followed by a reception in celebration of the birthday of the Princess Antonio, formerly Miss Dorothy Deacon, of New York. In order to mark the occasion every female member of the Radziwill family now in Rome, lent the Princess "Dolly," as she is affectionately called, all of their pearls with the result that she was a veritable jewel casket, having her graceful charms almost completely

hidden beneath numerous and priceless ropes of pearls.

The guests included Prince and Princess Charles Radziwill, Prince and Princess Albert Radziwill, Prince and Princess Potulinski, Marquis and Marquise Della Vandara, Duchess di Terranova and daughters. Many others joined the party when the dancing took place.

Countess Otto Carrin will shortly arrive in Rome to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Lee.

Among the latest arrivals at the Excelsior Hotel are Mrs. Clarence Postley, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wallace, of New York; and Mrs. E. S. Hutchinson and daughter, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Moore, Jr., have arrived from Florence on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore; they are staying at the Quirinal. Baron and Baroness Cedarstrom, who are prolonging their visit to the end of the month, are at the Hotel Regina. Mrs. Sheldon H. Tollen, Mrs. King, Mrs. L. Hamilton, and Mrs. H. M. and Miss Withers are at the Grand.

Mrs. Siegel, mother of the Countess Dentice del Frasso, entertained the other evening at the Regina Mr. and Mrs. Post Wheeler at dinner. Other guests present were Mrs. Ireland and George Davis, of Wilkes-Barre and Paris.

LOVERS DROWN, CLASPED IN EACH OTHERS ARMS

London Couple Write Farewell Notes Saying They Will Go Down Like Those on Titanic.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, March 22.—With their hands bound and their mouths gagged, a boy and girl, lovers, clasped each other in a last pathetic embrace of death, have been found drowned in a canal at Monton, near here.

They were William Knight, a clerk, aged seventeen, and Maud Parker, a cotton-spinner, aged sixteen.

The discovery of the bodies was revealed in a dramatic manner when after an all night search, the parents of the boy and girl received letters bidding an affectionate farewell.

The canal was searched and the bodies of the lovers were found bound together at the wrist with a cord. Over the girl's mouth and nose was a motor-scarf bound round her head three times and a handkerchief was tied over the lad's mouth.

In a farewell letter to a friend, Knight, who was a Sunday school teacher, and disappeared on his seventeenth birthday, wrote, saying:

"We shall go down like those on the Titanic, singing 'Near, My God, to Thee.' We are finished with the world."

The couple, it is stated, visited a picture show. The dead girl is described by her fellow mill-workers as having been very bright and bonny.

TITLED PHILADELPHIA GIRL AT GERMAN COURT.



LADY FERARD LOWTHER.

London, March 22.—The German Emperor, who is known to be highly pleased when there are a number of American women in the diplomatic set in Berlin, will undoubtedly be elated to hear that the wife of Sir Gerard A. Lowther, the next British Ambassador to Germany, is a beautiful type of American womanhood. Lady Lowther was Miss Alice Stanton Blight, of Philadelphia. Sir Gerard has been Ambassador to Constantinople for the last four years, and during the terrible Balkan war Lady Lowther distinguished herself by her acts of mercy in caring for the wounded and in aiding the families of killed and wounded soldiers.

OWNS NOTED ART COLLECTION.



THE MARCHIONESS OF DUFFERIN AND LITTLE DAUGHTER.

London, March 22.—The Marchioness of Dufferin, formerly Miss Flora Davis, of New York, has opened North House, Putney, for the spring season. This is one of the prettiest houses owned by Americans in London, and Lady Dufferin's taste, rather than her wealth, is felt.

Lady Dufferin was one of the first to adopt Chinese art, having purchased Chinese porcelain and carvings for fifteen years. Her collection is now worth five times the price she originally paid for it, and she is now recognized as an expert on Oriental art.

This American woman is far too artistic to have any such monotonous "Chinese rooms." She blends her Oriental objects with eighteenth century English furnishings, and the result is most striking.